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TAGS: EAID, SREF, UNRWA, JO

SUBJECT: FFP - UNRWA WEEVIL INFESTED FLOUR

REF: STATE 151679

1. IN LETTER SENT AUG. 14 TO AMBASSADOR BUFFUM, UNRWA COMGEN REQUESTS THAT USG RECONSIDER ITS DECISION (REFTEL) NOT TO REPLACE 3,194 TONS OF WEEVILLED FLOUR SHIPPED ABOARD SS "NOONDAY". HE POINTS OUT, INTER ALIA, THAT (A) WEEVIL INFESTATION IS NOT RPT NOT A MARINE RISK, AND UNRWA THEREFORE HAS NO INSURANCE CLAIM AGAINST CARRIER; (B) FLOUR COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN INFESTED AT TIME OF SHIPMENT OR BECOME INFESTED ABOARD "NOONDAY"; AND (C) FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF LOSS TO UNRWA OF ALMOST 3,200 TONS OF BADLY NEEDED FLOUR ARE ESPECIALLY SERIOUS AT TIME WHEN AGENCY IS AGAIN EXPERIENCING SEVERE BUDGETARY CRISIS (BEIRUT 9629). COMGEN STRONGLY URGES, IN VIEW OF ABOVE AND FACT "INFESTATION AROSE FROM CAUSES OVER WHICH USG, NOT UNRWA, HAD CONTROL AND AGAINST WHICH AGENCY COULD NOT REASONABLY HAVE BEEN EXPECTED TO INSURE", THAT USG AGREE TO REPLACE "NOONDAY" CONSIGNMENT WITH EQUAL QUANTITY OF GOOD FLOUR, THEREBY FULFILLING ITS PLEDGE TO UNRWA.

2. FULL TEXT OF COMGEN'S LETTER BEING POUCHED VIA AIRGRAM.

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3. COMMENT: DEPT. AND AID/W WILL NOTE UNRWA NO LONGER
CLAIMS FLOUR IS STILL USG PROPERTY BUT INSTEAD MERELY
REQUESTS THAT USG FULFILL ITS FY 1973 PLEDGE TO AGENCY
BY DELIVERING GOOD FLOUR TO REPLACE BAD. EMBASSY BELIEVES
COMGEN'S POSITION IN THIS RESPECT IS ENTIRELY JUSTIFIED
AND HOPES DEPT. WILL PROCEED ACCORDINGLY.
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